



SUEZ acquires an equity stake in AREVA's new uranium enrichment plant

June 3, 2008 - SUEZ and AREVA have signed an agreement giving SUEZ 5% ownership interest in the company that holds the Georges Besse II uranium enrichment plant.

The facility, built by AREVA at the Tricastin site in France's Drôme department, is based on ultra centrifuge technology. SUEZ, through its Energy Services business line, is building the electrical installations, and supplying the fluid management systems and the HVAC and process cooling equipment of the new plant, which is scheduled for startup in 2009.

The agreement reflects the two groups' intention to further develop their present industrial cooperation. With it, SUEZ will be able to secure a portion of its nuclear reactor supply needs in enriched uranium.

Georges Besse II is one of France's largest current industrial investments, representing a total of close to EUR 3 billion.

Centrifugation enrichment technology offers the advantage of consuming 50 times less electricity than the existing gaseous diffusion process used in France¹ and does not need water for cooling.

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¹ Gaseous diffusion is the technology currently used by the AREVA group in the Eurodif plant.

